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AYES—174

Ackerman	Gonzalez	Nadler
Allen	Gordon	Napolitano
Andrews	Gutierrez	Neal
Baca	Hall (OH)	Oberstar
Baird	Hastings (FL)	Obey
Baldacci	Hill (IN)	Olver
Baldwin	Hilliard	Ortiz
Barrett (WI)	Hinchey	Owens
Becerra	Hoeffel	Pallone
Bentsen	Holden	Pascarell
Berkley	Holt	Pastor
Berman	Hooley	Payne
Berry	Hoyer	Pelosi
Bishop	Inslee	Phelps
Blagojevich	Jackson-Lee	Pickett
Bonior	(TX)	Pomeroy
Borski	Jefferson	Price (NC)
Boucher	Johnson, E. B.	Rangel
Boyd	Jones (OH)	Reyes
Brady (PA)	Kanjorski	Rivers
Brown (FL)	Kaptur	Rodriguez
Capps	Kennedy	Rothman
Capuano	Kildee	Roybal-Allard
Cardin	Kilpatrick	Rush
Carson	LaFalce	Sabo
Clay	Lampson	Sanchez
Clayton	Lantos	Sanders
Clement	Larson	Sandlin
Clyburn	Lee	Sawyer
Condit	Levin	Schakowsky
Coyne	Lucas (GA)	Sherman
Cramer	Lipinski	Shows
Crowley	Lofgren	Skelton
Cummings	Lowe	Slaughter
Danner	Lucas (KY)	Smith (WA)
Davis (FL)	Luther	Spratt
Davis (IL)	Maloney (NY)	Stabenow
DeFazio	Mascara	Stark
DeGette	Matsui	Stenholm
DeLauro	McCarthy (MO)	Stupak
Deutsch	McCarthy (NY)	Tanner
Dicks	McDermott	Tauscher
Dixon	McGovern	Taylor (MS)
Doggett	McIntyre	Thompson (CA)
Dooley	McKinney	Thompson (MS)
Doyle	McNulty	Thurman
Edwards	Meehan	Tierney
Engel	Meek (FL)	Turner
Eshoo	Meeks (NY)	Udall (CO)
Etheridge	Menendez	Velazquez
Farr	Millender-McDonald	Visclosky
Fattah	Miller, George	Waters
Filner	Minge	Waxman
Forbes	Mink	Weiner
Ford	Moakley	Wexler
Frank (MA)	Moore	Weygand
Frost	Moran (VA)	Woolsey
Gejdenson	Murtha	Wynn
Gephardt		

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Abercrombie	Buyer	Ehlers
Aderholt	Callahan	Ehrlich
Archer	Calvert	English
Armey	Camp	Evans
Bachus	Campbell	Everett
Baker	Canady	Ewing
Ballenger	Cannon	Fletcher
Barcia	Castle	Foley
Barr	Chabot	Fossella
Barrett (NE)	Chambliss	Fowler
Bartlett	Chenoweth-Hage	Franks (NJ)
Barton	Coble	Frelinghuysen
Bass	Coburn	Gallegly
Bateman	Collins	Ganske
Bereuter	Combest	Gekas
Biggert	Cooksey	Gibbons
Blibray	Costello	Gilchrest
Bilirakis	Cox	Gillmor
Bliley	Crane	Gilman
Blumenauer	Cubin	Goode
Blunt	Cunningham	Goodlatte
Boehlert	Davis (VA)	Goodling
Boehner	Deal	Goss
Bonilla	DeLay	Graham
Bono	DeMint	Granger
Boswell	Diaz-Balart	Green (TX)
Brady (TX)	Dickey	Green (WI)
Brown (OH)	Doolittle	Greenwood
Bryant	Dreier	Gutknecht
Burr	Duncan	Hall (TX)
Burton	Dunn	Hansen

Hastings (WA)	Metcalf	Shaw
Hayes	Mica	Shays
Hayworth	Miller (FL)	Sherwood
Hefley	Miller, Gary	Shimkus
Herger	Mollohan	Shuster
Hill (MT)	Moran (KS)	Simpson
Hilleary	Morella	Sisisky
Hobson	Myrick	Skeen
Hoekstra	Nethercutt	Smith (MI)
Horn	Ney	Smith (NJ)
Hostettler	Northup	Smith (TX)
Houghton	Norwood	Snyder
Hulshof	Nussle	Souder
Hunter	Ose	Spence
Isakson	Oxley	Stearns
Istook	Packard	Stump
Jackson (IL)	Paul	Sununu
Jenkins	Pease	Sweeney
Johnson (CT)	Peterson (MN)	Talent
Johnson, Sam	Peterson (PA)	Tancredo
Kasich	Petri	Tauzin
Kelly	Pickering	Taylor (NC)
Kind (WI)	Pitts	Terry
King (NY)	Pombo	Thomas
Kingston	Portman	Thornberry
Klecza	Pryce (OH)	Thune
Klink	Quinn	Tiahrt
Knollenberg	Radanovich	Toomey
Kolbe	Rahall	Towns
Kucinich	Ramstad	Traficant
Kuykendall	Regula	Udall (NM)
LaHood	Reynolds	Upton
Largent	Riley	Vitter
Latham	Roemer	Walden
LaTourette	Rogan	Walsh
Leach	Rogers	Wamp
Lewis (CA)	Rohrabacher	Watkins
Lewis (KY)	Ros-Lehtinen	Watt (NC)
Linder	Roukema	Watts (OK)
LoBiondo	Royce	Weldon (FL)
Lucas (OK)	Ryan (WI)	Weldon (PA)
Maloney (CT)	Ryun (KS)	Weller
Manzullo	Salmon	Whitfield
Martinez	Sanford	Wilson
McCollum	Saxton	Wise
McCrery	Scarborough	Wolf
McHugh	Sensenbrenner	Wu
McInnis	Serrano	Young (AK)
McKeon	Sessions	Young (FL)
	Shadegg	

NOT VOTING—18

Conyers	Hutchinson	Porter
Cook	Hyde	Schaffer
Delahunt	Jones (NC)	Scott
Dingell	Lazio	Strickland
Emerson	Markay	Vento
Hinojosa	McIntosh	Wicker

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Mr. SNYDER changed his vote from "aye" to "no."

Mr. WEXLER changed his vote from "no" to "aye."

So the motion was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The Chair would make the general pronouncement to remind all Members to be properly attired when they appear in the Chamber.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 4680, MEDICARE RX 2000
ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS) for 1 hour.

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield, in the spirit of comity and bipartisanship, which is customary in this Chamber, the cus-

tomary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MOAKLEY), my friend; pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate on this matter only.

Mr. Speaker, this is an appropriate structured rule that ensures a rigorous debate on how best to provide our Nation's seniors with prescription drug coverage, a matter of great concern to them. The rule provides 2 hours of general debate divided equally between the minority and the majority of two committees of jurisdictions, the Committee on Ways and Means and the Committee on Commerce.

The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, modified by the one printed in the Committee on Rules report, shall be considered as adopted.

The rule also provides that, at any time on or before this Friday, it shall be in order for the House to entertain motions to suspend the rules with respect to two bills only. Mr. Speaker, I will repeat, it shall be in order for the House to entertain motions to suspend the rules with respect to two bills only, H.R. 3240 and H. Res. 535.

Finally, the rule provides a motion to recommit with or without instructions. This is a minority right that has become standard in every bill under the Republican majority.

Today is another historic day for our Nation's seniors. Three years ago, the Medicare program was speeding toward bankruptcy, many will recall. While the partisans and the naysayers said it could not be done to fix it, a Republican-led Congress appropriately stepped in and saved Medicare through sound structural reform of that program. Had we not acted responsibly, then our seniors would not even have access to hospitals or doctors let alone the services necessary to modernize the program. We met that challenge head on. We met it successfully.

Today we take the logical next step to provide every senior with the opportunity of a safe and secure prescription drug benefit. This is very good news. As in 1995 and in 1997, we will hear a lot of partisan vitriol and rhetoric today, probably see even a little more theater of the type we have already seen this morning, what The Washington Post has labeled as "Mediscare." We will hear poll-tested attack words like "vouchers" and "privatize" and maybe even words like "risky scheme."

To be sure, this is an election year and nothing plays better than some good old-fashioned scare tactics aimed at the most vulnerable among us, our Nation's seniors, who we are here to serve, not walk out on.

While we should expect such attacks, we cannot let them go unanswered. The bipartisan plan crafted by the gentleman from California (Mr. THOMAS)